

Re: Proposed Draft Air Permit  
Hyperion Refinery  
Elk Point, SD

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Dear Sirs:

I am writing concerning the air permit for the proposed refinery north of Elk Point SD. My concerns are;

Why are the emissions from flaring, leaky valves, shutting down and turning on the proposed refinery and any upsets not included in the emission totals? Without these being listed, the totals given are very deceptive as this is when the greatest amount of contaminants are emitted.

Why is there no protection for people trying to live in the area, from construction dust and from dust on the unpaved roads? This should not be allowed. The people living in Dakota Dunes have had the right to protect themselves from truck traffic dust during construction in their area. Even though we are country people we should also be given the same consideration. Clean air is one of our greatest assets here in the rural area. It is the reason so many of us chose to live here. We have clear clean skies day and night. We see the stars shine because there is no pollution from light or contaminants.

How can an air permit be issued when Hyperion has not yet come forth with an EIS? Before you are able to make this very serious decision, should you not have all information concerning their plans? Wouldn't an EIS be needed to hold them accountable? This is too large a project to do business on a handshake and already they have backed down several times on their word. (an example would be the 2 mile buffer they did promise to many people but now deny making) Our lives and homes are in your hands. We expect you to protect us from those that would harm our lives and lifestyles for the sake of money. I would suggest that before Hyperion is given the green light, that EVERY part of their plan be disclosed to you and the public.

Where will the pipelines for crude oil and water coming in and out of the plant be? Where will the railroads run? Whose homes and farms will be destroyed by them? Where will the water come from and the energy they will need? People have the right to know exactly how this refinery will

impact their lives.

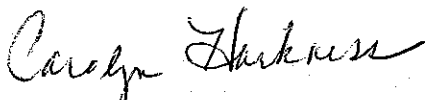
Those of us that live closest to the proposed refinery are not in favor of what is trying to be pushed onto us. The people that voted for the refinery live on the far ends of the county and really have no concern for our welfare. That is why we need you to look after and protect the air that we would have to breathe.

I question how clean the air will actually be. Is the percentage of contaminants averaged with the whole state or is it the actual air that we will be breathing in the area of the refinery? What about our neighbors in Iowa and Nebraska? Is allowing pollutants to be dumped on them the neighborly thing to do? Hyperion has also said they want to be good neighbors and look at what they have done to our community.

I have 13 grandchildren that will be leaving to find a clean and safe place to live if the refinery would be built. My husband and I would leave also as will so many of our friends and neighbors. What do you think the chances are that we will all be able to relocate in the same area? What are we as farmers to do? These lands are our business' and our homes, our retirement. Please give this some thought when you make a final decision. Times used to be that people were more important than money. Sadly, the very state that I love has changed and would toss so many of us out, because our governor has stopped caring about the people that elected him.

I would also like to say that I realize the governor is your boss and he may be putting pressure on you. But I am praying that you do what is right for those of us that you are supposed to be looking after.

Carolyn Harkness  
Brule Township  
Union County, SD

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Harkness".